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### The Democratic Leader.

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Mr. Bryan keeps an eye on Congress, and comes to town whenever convenient When not in town he is in touch with the situation. His friends here make it their business to advise him of all interesting gossip relating to legislation. In this way ed, and through the Record and his trouble." friends Mr. Bryan gets all the information necessary to his position as the head

That headship stands confessed in many things, but in nothing more plainly than in the deference shown the man when in Washington. He is quite a belle, indeed Friends flock to him for counsel. Opponents give him respectful greeting. When he appears and is pointed out strangers are all eyes for him. He is first, and the rest nowhere.

When Mr. Bryan took his seat in the Senate gallery Tuesday the debate was calling into action men of prominence on both sides of the chamber. Everybody was at attention to the deliverances, and the speakers were most animated.

But in a moment all was changed. As soon as the whisper went round that the democratic leader was looking down on the scene, all eyes sought him out; and as soon as he was fixed he became the center of a steady gaze. It was Mr. Bryan's meeting from that instant It is this drawing power of the man which gives such a tang to some of the

to see him the nominee of the democratic convention look to it for the fulfillment fect on delegates and gallery visitors alike when the Blackwater orator walks to his seat in the convention hall, or mounts the stage at some exciting moment of the proceedings and begins an address. Will not all eyes be fixed on

It is not charged that Mr. Bryan is now arranging a program for his own benefit: that, while speaking both the Clark boom and the Wilson boom fair, he is rehearsing a scheme for putting both booms out of business and introducing a boom for himself at the proper moment. But he will be in attendance as a delegate, and his part in the convention's work will necessarily be conspicuous, and therein will lie the danger to all the booms in evidence unless one of them has come to town with the two-thirds vote required

As a great national force and figure Mr. Bryan is the fruit of a convention stampede. History may repeat itself. It is not impossible for the Baltimore convention of 1912 to record itself as did the Chicago convention of 1896.

## The Olympic's Trouble.

The strike of stokers which prevented the sailing of the steamer Olympic, sister ship of the ill-fated Titanic, carries a significant lesson. These men refused to start because the substitute lifebeats hastily put on board to eke out the original equipment were not believed to be seaworthy. When this point had been satisfactorily settled certain union issues arose and the ship was finally returned to her dock and her voyage was canceled. Those objecting firemen may have acted stubbornly, but they pointed the way to get results. If passengers looked as thoroughly after the details of the equipment on board steamships a higher standard would be maintained. The majority of travelers take conditions for granted and depend unreservedly upon the management. When provided and reforms are instituted. Intelligent observation and prompt pro test on the part of those most interested might bring about changes in sea- courses in journalism. This insures a son to avert misfortune. But it is un- brilliant prospect for the fashion page happily the way of many transporta- of the future. tion managers to assume that' they know all there is to be known, that the public is unintelligent and that no suggestions from outside the organizations are deserving of consideration. The protesting passenger is too often regarded as a crank, not to be heeded as the bearer of a possibly valuable idea. But if business is affected a different tune is heard. The pocket nerve responds quickly to the touch of the

Those Allen outlaws are seeking every advantage that legal technicalities may afford. They want either no law at all operators on board transatiantic liners.

It took President Taft some time to realize that the public might be taking seriously some of those things T. R. said.

# Trouble at Chicago.

"You fellows are going to have trouble

at Chicago," observed the new member of the House to the old. "What sort of trouble?" "Why, trouble - just old-fashioned.

everyday trouble."

mony I once heard given in court by an trifling, while the wages that the wireless old woman." "Tell me about it." "She was the principal witness against stance in order to make sure of getting

the defendant, and the lawyer on that the maximum use out of the service. side wanted to discredit her. She kept a Probably from the point of view of the roadhouse, where wagoners halted to bait wireless company there is no occasion their teams, where whisky was sold, and for doubling the force, for one man can, cards were played for stakes. Both the save on the largest liners, handle all the landlady and her guests were pretty commercial business offered. As far as tough. She saw what was coming, and communications to and from passengers scowled while she fingered the fringe on are concerned or the receiving of news

her faded shawl. "'Wasn't there trouble at your place struments need not be worked all night. last Christmas night? asked the defend- But as far as the ship is concerned ant's lawyer.

"Well, not to say trouble. Some of 'em called the fellow settin' opposite a from the shore as circumstances control vile name. The fellow settin' opposite up It is possible that if all the ships plying and kills him. But it was all over in a through the ice-choked waters off the minit. There was sca'cely no noise at Nova Scotian shores on the night of the all. I don't call that trouble."

"Do you think it'll all be over in a minit at Chicago, with sca'cely no .noise Titanic's people would have been saved. at all?"

meeting.

"The Abernathy kids failed in Okla-"Yes, and the Abernathy grownups will impress their leader with their prowess,

"There are some husky chaps among ing Taft. Now that the President is arpicture will be an inspiration at the con-

"You are not discouraged, then, at the "No. Now that it is unavoidable we we shall have to pay for the shindy later. with the office; but simply to THE STAR, or to the Editorial or Business Department, according in the ear. Broken heads heal slowly. must have come with resistless force. And only about four months will be available for healing and reconciliation pur-

"Accept my sympathy." "Save it. You've got a job of your own cans have no monopoly of distress. The anti-trust law does not run against us. the Congressional Record is supplement- going to be some lively competition in Washington in this way and remain iden- part in the formation of the society were

Hope Based on Lorimerism. Taft to Roosevelt will have to give a drive, and where there is a distinguishable of noted scientists. Some of the original return home stripped of respect.

We have been hearing a great deal about Lorimerism of late, and no man been profiting from it. He has not made them. his charge good, but repeats it often. Now what is Lorimerism but the tampering with political agents advised or instructed to do a given thing? In the Illinois senatorial primary out of which Lorimerism grew the republican preference expressed was for Mr. Hopkins; and on the strength of it he should have been

returned to the Senate. But certain of the republican legislators balked, making the election of Mr. Hopkins impossible, and thus was laid the foundation for the combination which gave the election to Mr. Lorimer. The democrats had a candidate of their own. but the republicans who would not accept Mr. Hopkins, and the democrats who were willing to leave their man, got together, and Mr. Lorimer secured the

The result was disastrous to Mr. Lorimer and to some of the men who participated in the successful combination. A scandal was exposed, and both at Springfield and here in Washington the details were laid bare under oath. The Illinois courts also took a hand. The United States Senate will shortly vote for the second time on Mr. Lorimer's

right to the seat thus obtained.

Disregarding instructions, or advice formally given, is always attended with danger. Several senatorial elections have been clouded in that way. Delegations to more than one national convention have been discredited in the same way. The public regards with at least suspicion credentials tainted with "fine work" done in, or after, caucus. It expects men to live up to their professions. and not wabble from side to side under any sort of pressure. If there are wabblers at Chicago they are certain not to be numerous enough to turn the scale.

In deciding that a President of the United States has a right to speak out from the shoulder when he is attacked. Mr. Taft has the support of recent and conspicuous precedent

Board of Trade may prove more important to English interests than the discov ery of the south pole would have been.

Some Mexican financiers would doubtdisaster befalls there is a great out- less like to devise a means of helding on cry, and then perhaps remedies are to American capital while dispensing with its proprietors.

Assertions that there is nothing to arbitrate are usually found to have been based on incomplete information.

The annual campaign for the destruction of the house fly and the mosquito has been declared formally open.

The Pay of Wireless Operators. Some interesting testimony has been given in the Titanic inquiry now being conducted by the Senate committee relative to the duties and pay of wireless These men, it appears, draw an average of about \$25 a month from the wireless company, which provides the instruments men in return for the use of the service it up." for their own purposes of navigation. Thus to the steamsnip companies there is no expense other than the cost of the operators' food. It would seem in the face of these facts that there is no possible excuse for not having two operators on board every ship. Certainly the ex-"I ask for a definition because of testi- pense to the navigation companies is companies pay are small enough in all reason to justify doubling in every in-

from shore for sale on shipboard the in-

there should be no moment when the vessel is not in condition to send or reto town an' hear the boys was playin' keerds, and one of ceive messages from other vessels or Grand opera; no matter if the rather dear? motor car; My Sunday clothes protect me, but 14th had been fully manned as to the they're out of style too far; wireless equipment most, if not all, of the

going to have real trouble, and I expect less operators on the liners will result in it to be accompanied by a good deal of a change in policy not only with regard noise. At one time Roosevelt's strength to the full equipment of the ships, but looked slight, and I was inclined to be- in the raising of the standard of comlieve he would be easily disposed of. Not pensation. The young men who are so now. He's going into the convention hired for this service must be capable with a considerable following, and his operators, men of good character, of friends, taking their cue from him, will some education and of intelligence. They be disposed to be ugly. They are likely are charged with weighty responsibilities, to try circus tactics, and rough-house the for upon their fidelity and accuracy depend human lives. Yet they are paid less than the stokers and the stewards. It is said that many of these boys-few of them are more than that-take posifail at Chicago. But they are getting tions as wireless operators largely for ready for their stunt. They will want to the experience and the novelty of a few ocean voyages. On shore they could, as so that in case of success their claims to telegraph operators, earn much more money if they are sufficiently skillful to handle the wireless as it should be conducted. It is small wonder that some of these lads have been strongly tempted physical, organic and analytical chemby offers of large sums for the sale of rayed in his fighting togs, he is showing their knowledge of the Titanic's wreck. up as a smart figure of a man, and the In the light of Mr. Marconi's testimony regarding their wages one is hardly disposed to blame any one who may have lent a listening ear to seductive propositions flashed from shore for the sending ing in its progress." of details of the sea horror. To men must go through with it. But I'm afraid who get from \$4 to \$12 a week in return for nerve-racking, responsible work the Objurgations from old friends linger long suggestion of "four figures" rewards

Industrial

where he is buried.

E. Seaman.

Discussed.

was adopted.

the government

the majority came from

New York. Consequently

the society became almost

who lived in other cities without any

ow the other society's proposition.

The discussion for and against the

more. The territory of the local section

comprises "the District of Columbia and

all of the state of Maryland and Vir-

ginia east of the 79th meridian." That

industrial activities of this country.

#### Individual Trees.

An important work of tree planting is in progress in the Capitol grounds, memto attend to at Baltimore. The republi- bers of the Senate having personally started new growths that will later bear their names. From time to time in the When the battle begins in July there's past personal trees have been planted in tified until now, as far as they have been preserved, with the distinguished men Original who placed the earth around their roots. But not as much of this sort of park A favorite calculation of the Roosevelt forestation has been undertaken as the boomers is that there will be flopping at opportunities here afforded permit. Chicago, prompt and effective, from the There should be a tree for every Taft side to their side. They are forced great American who was ever in the came practically established in New York to concede that on the face of things the capital. Such trees, properly labeled and as well. It was in January, 1884, just President is leading their man, but they carefully tended from season to season, ten years later, that the Washington insist that the advantage will not hold; would add very greatly to the attract- chemists banded into the Chemical Sothat many of the Taft delegates are half- iveness of the parks of the city. The per- ciety bf Washington, for the "cultivation convention will see the real drift and go not sufficiently identified to give them There were thirty-one original members, with the Roosevelt tide. This is to be their true character. In many cases they including several who either then or since doubted. The delegate who changes from stand at a distance from the walk or clear and good reason for his action, or label it can only be seen by those who cross the turf.

The Senate inquiry was most influential has had more to say on the subject than in securing a square deal for the men Mr. Roosevelt. Part of his indictment facing criticism in connection with the of Mr. Taft is based upon his charge that Titanic disaster. Delay in getting their the President is "tied up" with Lorimer- side of the story could have resulted only ism; that he sympathizes with it and has in augmenting the prejudice against

> wealth does not enjoy. The more money a man has the harder it is for him to figure as an acceptable contributor to a campaign fund.

When a great monopoly is investigated not to lose their individuality entirely, he fact that it is exceedingly profitable as would be the case were they to folthe fact that it is exceedingly profitable is speedily ascertained. It takes considerable energy and enterprise to get much beyond this.

Col. Roosevelt looks through history

for eminent names as industriously as a promoter of amateur entertainment looks through the society lists for pa-The only trouble with the Ananias Club

is its lack of exclusiveness. It was allowed to become so overcrowded that membership ceased to imply distinction. The suffragettes are right in consider-

reliable an indication of statesmanship as the six-dollar high silk hat.

ing a thirty-nine-cent bonnet quite as

#### SHOOTING STARS. BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Varied Dissatisfaction. "It's a curious life," said the lawyer

wearily. "What's the trouble?" "Two women came into my office day. One wanted a divorce because her husband wouldn't stay at home and the other because her husband sat around the

house all the time." An Irony of Fate. "That man made a fortune selling coal." "If some of these threatened strikes

take place he may wish he had held on to the coal." Public Discourse.

#### "You don't talk politics as you used to "No," replied Farmer Corntossel.

There's so much perfessional talent talkin' politics that an amateur can't even git his own family fur an audience."

### The Railway Station.

Of its ornate and spacious style. Oh, let me not complain, E'en though I have to walk a mile From the sidewalk to the train.

# Unpledged.

"There are a few promises we should like to have you make before election-"Sir!" exclaimed Senator Sorghum, "you should know better than to try to exact a promise from me at this time. And it should also occur to you that if you are Waters, first vice president; M. X. Sulliinfluential enough to exact promises from a man how you can be sufficiently influential concerning his re-election later to come pretty near having your own H. E. Wells, J. Johnson and H. C. P.

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I don't organization. profess to know much about it. But it al-

What Zeb Did. was feelin' kind o' happy till Zeb Spicer come along.

strong I sort o' liked to listen to the bird up it the tree An' watch the flowers blossom in the sun-

shine fair an' free: liked to hitch the hoss up an' go joggin' on my way: My Sunday clothes seemed good enough fur any holiday.

But Zeb he come along an' showed that fort them. "Yes," says humanity, "I am he was much distressed Because I couldn't see how I was downtrod an' oppressed.

An' then I got to thinkin', with some help from Zeb, of course; Why should I listen to the birds? The tunes from such a source

Don't cost a cent. Why shouldn't I go up yearn for hothouse roses an' I want a

I'm broodin' 'bout injustices; the work seems goin' wrong-It is to be hoped that the disclosure of And yet I was right happy till JZeb

From the Kansas City Star. European guide books will hereafter advise travelers to equip themselves with opera glasses to pass up to the lookouts Spicer come along. in the crow's nest on dark nights.

my brother's keeper.

From the Indianapolis Star.

From the Syracuse Standard.

ozen of them on each boat.

"Maiden voyages" will not be so

The American Chemical Society is the Charles E. Munroe, Dr. W. F. Hillebrand argest and perhaps the most influential and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the latter hav-

largest and perhaps the most influential ing served two consecutive terms. body devoted to that science in the world, and the Washington Importance, branch of this organi-Taking the Washington section of the American Chemical Society as a separate and distinct unit, it can be the thirty odd sections. According to Government said to be practically a Dr. Harvey W. Wiley the American clearing house for chemical Chemical Society has done more than the tragedy research for the governany other organization to develop the

nent. Of all its members, the large majority are those men who stand high in "Its scope," said Dr. Wiley, "covers the government service in chemical afevery branch of chemistry. Physiological chemistry, pathological, mineral, short talks on their latest research work istry all come under the one general or upon some subject they are working heading, while chemistry as applied to on. Following the addresses, the subagriculture is also an important feature. jects are open for general discussion. Consequently the society has been of Through the medium of this society they great benefit to the world at large in adare able to keep abreast of the work vancing the science of chemistry and aidbeing done by the United States government in a more thorough manner than The Chemical Society of Washington is could be possible in any other way, at so closely allied with the American Chemical Society that to deal with one the same time being in touch with what the world at large is doing as well. necessarily means to tell of both. The American Chemical Society was organfrom its regular course, and is giving a series of extra meetings. These are held ized in 1874 in Northumberland, Pa., on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Priestly. the discoverer of oxygen, who was driven from England through both religious and in which case the entire evening is given political persecution. He came to this country and Northumberland is the place to his address. Another special meeting niversary of the discovery of gas as an illuminating medium will be observed. At that time, while those who took Prof. Charles E. Munroe has the program of arrangements in charge. from all over the country,

The magazines published by American Chemical Society are one of the most important features of the organization. No Important other chemical society is-

practical benefits. The headquarters beof magazines, or as great an amount of matter. The monthly Journal of the American Chemical Society contains the hearted, and when they assemble at the sonal trees that are now standing are of chemical science, pure and applied." proceedings of the organization. This magazine last year contained almost twentyone hundred pages. The Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, have taken their places among the ranks which appears twice a month, amounted to more than a thousand pages during the Prof. Charles E. Munroe, Prof. W. F. same period. But by far the largest Hillebrand, Dr. Thomas E. Chatard, Dr. publication in point of size published by Henry C. Belton, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the organization is the Journal of Chem-Dr. Frederick P. Dewey and Dr. William ical Abstracts. This magazine gives in a During the early days of both the condensed form the very latest in chem-Washington and American Chemical 80ical science which can be gathered from during the war, but none as yet has cieties the membership was small. The all over the world. This, also a bi-American Chemical Society reached a monthly magazine, last year consisted of given any hope of success. There have membership of about 200, and the Washington society about fifty. Then in the
early nineties there arose a project for
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The accomplishment of his duty in a vocation and maintenance of certain that line has been made to excel or even way compatible with his conscience and classes of the reserve. Francis-Joseph body for the Washington body simply of the English Chemical Society tained last year about one-half, as did part of the New York, or, as it was also that gotten out by the German actually called, the American Chemical Chemical Society. The French society's Society. To this, however, the Washpublication as compared with that of the ington society would give no heed. Its United States is very small. members were willing enough to join, but These three magazines are of a technical nature, with no attempt to popularize them. Nevertheless, these three magazines have a circulation of about 5,500, which constitutes the membership

> amalgamation was long and heated, and have, in addition, a considerable outside circulation. resulted in the appoint-Amalgamation ing of a committee by the local organization The charter of the American Chemical for the purpose of drafting a new constitution whereby the therefore, while there is amalgamation could be brought about American without the necessity of doing away with the organization, that city lowed the introduction of iron rams and all the local body's freedom. Dr. Wiley Society. is practically such. The board of directors of the organization, bers being Prof. Frank W. Clark and that body having charge of the financial Prof. Charles E. Munroe. All these men that body having charge of the financial were also members of the American affairs of the society, which is composed Chemical Society, in addition to being lo- of men from all over the country, usually Chemical Society, in addition to being to cally affiliated. The result of the whole meets in New York. And the library of Base matter was that the constitution of the the society is deposited in the Chemists' American Chemical Society was revised, whereby the entire organization was to become the American Chemical Society, when the president of the American and the New York organization was to Chemical Society lives outside of New be simply the New York section and the local body the Washington section. The constitution, in other words, was along the same lines as that of the United like manner where the secretary lives. States, giving each of the sections its Not only is the Washington section one own governing power and individuality. And so, on December 14, 1893, the re-vised constitution was adopted, and the most prominent. Nowhere in the United American Chemical Society came into ex- States are there gathered so closely tostence with two sections, and a member-

> ship numbering less than 300. December, science of chemistry, not only in this 1898, a second revision of the constitution country, but in the world as well. For example, Dr. Frank W. Clarke, who is at ized, nines being got ready and present in the geological survey, has at-The membership dues are \$10, which count of his work in connection with ments, whipped the 'National' once or money goes to the American Chemical the international committee for the revision of atomic weights, which office he old friend George Hibbs is on ham Seclety. That body, in turn, pays the actual running expenses of the local section. In Dr. R. B. Moore of the bureau of soils and Dooley and French, and the Doctor ceives the three publications of the work in connection with radium and ra- bat. The boys hold forth three times a American Chemical Society, one monthly roe, professor at George Washington Uni- friends on any occasion. and two bi-monthly magazines. The versity, is recognized as an authority on meetings of the local section are held at explosives. Chase Palmer of the geologthe Cosmos Club the second Tuesday of ical survey, too, has taken rank among American chemists on account of his reeach month, October to May, inclusive, search work in connection with water with two meetings in addition in Balti-

> > Among the other members of the local section who have achieved fame for their The Star of April 26, 1862: work can be mentioned

analyses.

includes Baltimore and the nearby small towns. Two meetings of the American Distinguished Dr. Marcus Benjamin, Chemical Society entire are held each year, a summer and a winter meeting. The place has not yet been selected for the summer meeting, but it is expected that the December meeting will be in Cleveland, Ohio. The membership of of the bureau of chemistry, next to Dr. avenues, public buildings, churches, etc., the local society at the present time num-bers almost 300, the majority of which to do with the enforcement of the pure improvement has already been finished in division of foods. Dr. van, second vice president; H. S. Bailey, The executive committee is composed of ist. Dr. A. L. Day of the geophysic labthe foregoing officers and H. C. Gore, oratory is the secretary of the Washing- of keeping the best they had in order was ton Academy of Science. Dr. David T. lost sight of and for months several efway. So why insist on a definite expres- Webber. I. K. Phelps is the chairman of Day is well known as a mineral chemist. A Barbarian Ear.

"What is your idea of classical music?"

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrov "V don't and the board of councilors of the general "Well," replied Mr. Cumrov "V don't and the program committee and E. W. Boughton Dorset of the bureau of animal industry is the chairman of the insecticide board. Dr. F. L. Dunlap, formerly assistant professor at the University of Michigan, is a member of the program committee and E. W. Boughton Dorset of the bureau of animal industry is the chairman of the industry is organization. Washington's quota is board of food and drug inspection. Dr. three, C. L. Alsberg, P. H. Walker and S. W. F. Hillebrand is the chief of the buand maintains the service for the sake of the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the steamship companies board the commercial messages dispatched, while the commercial mes ing the American Chemical Society, nine- chairman of the referee board, or, as it is teen years ago, Washington has given more popularly known, the Remsen four presidents, one of whom served for | board, in connection with the pure food two terms. This holds the record in the and drug law. Dr. Remsen is also noted organization, as no other section has for his discovery of saccharine. William been as frequently represented through Simon, following another line of investithe president of the general body. Those gation altogether, has achieved considered the local body who have served as able prominence for his work in color president are Prof. Frank W. Clark, Prof. photography.

# NOTES ABOUT CANDIDATES.

From the Syracuse Post-Standard. Perhaps we really never know a man When the survivors reached shore they found thousands of Americans with until we see him running for the presidency. thousands of dollars to succor and com-From the Columbia State.

The news that Mr. Bryan is to speak for Woodrow Wilson in Florida must not The Titanic seems to have had countless be taken to mean that the governor neglected to say a good word for himself during his recent visit there. Judging from the salaries that the

steamship companies pay their wireless Col. Roosevelt, while berating the poloperators, there would seem to be no iticians, seems to forget that most of the politicians consider him the most operators, there would seem to be no adroit and shifty politician of them all. From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Roosevelt, La., has been swamped. Sometimes we believe in signs.

tractive to professional travelers hereafter. If the Titanic had not been a new ship, she might have been better equipped. From the Tacoma Tribune. The next national question will be what shall we do with our ex-candidates for the presidency.

From the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Roosevelt says: "If I lose there will be three years' fight before us." If he wins it will be four years instead of three.

# IN THE STAR

A prisoner at the Old Capitol prison on 1st street east, opposite the Capitol Temporary Hedervary, and his mingrounds, was killed by one of Prisoner the guards April 21, 1862, Star of the day following thus describes

"About 11 o'clock yesterday morning one of the political prisoners named Jesse fined in the Old Capitol prison, went to a Hedervary, or else \* \* " And Fran- age window on the south side overlooking the guards' yard, and he and the guard on post No. 3 soon entered into an angry conversation with each other. During the dispute the guard, Ambrose Baker of Company C. 91st Pennsylvania Regiment, man lingered until nearly 3 o'clock, when he died; previously, however, accusing the officer in charge, Lieut, Milligan, of This year the local section has departed being the cause of his death, as he had given orders to the guard to shoot any of once a month, and at each meeting some the prisoners who put their heads out of and the cabinet are made clear by the prominent scientist gives an address. The the windows. Baker and others say that special rescript which Francis-Joseph ad- government with extreme bitterness. As speaker, as a rule, is an out-of-town man, the corporal of the guard from the door dressed Count Khuen-Hedervary in the immediately below the window where which the local section will hold will oc- Wharton was standing ordered him to cur the first of May at the Institute of shoot Wharton only a few minutes before his sovereign rights which were guaran-Industrial Research, when the 100th an- he did it. Baker was at once placed under teed by law and which had led his prearrest."

The military governor of the District, Gen. Wadsworth, and the provost mar-shal, Maj. Doster, investigated the shoot-

ing the civil war with the other hand he should hold to his sover-Publications. sues as large a number Self-Shooting idea of making the conflict more deadly, and Projectile. of view of their users, more successful. In The Star of April 23, 1862, is an account of the trial of a new form of projectile which occurred a few days pre-

vious, as follows: "The subject of self-propelling prorockets, has occupied tive genius of all countries for many years, but thus far without success. Many plans have been submitted and many different inventions tested A trial last Monday on thus guarantee the continuation of con-Capitol Hill of a new rocket for which stitutional work based upon the good will great perfection and destructiveness has of the sovereign and the nation. been claimed is no exception to the rule, as it only demonstrated entire failure, This rescript constitutes a veritable the furthest point which could be manifesto to the Hungarian nation, and reached being only three-fourths of a mile, with great inaccuracy and without force enough to bury the projectile in The Khuen-Hedervary cabinet in the earth. The principle seems to be established that a projectile carrying within itself its own means of proof the society. Four hundred of the pulsion cannot be relied upon for members are foreigners. The magazines legree of accuracy, as great eccentricity projectile can be made which will do ceded to the views so clearly expressed half the execution which is claimed for some of the candidates for public (or Society was granted in New York, and treasury?) favors and an accuracy which sy and Kossuth groups and the moderate shall attain that of the rifled gun, a revno specific headquarters for introduction like that which has fololution in land service would follow its peal for peace of the monarch? Will

> The base ball season was about to reformerly ! open in Washington about this time fifty years ago, as the following paragraph in The Star of April

batteries in the sea service.'

23, 1862, indicates: "Since leaden ball has been assuming an entire monopoly the affairs of men, the noble and the king, but also a conflict of conscience invigorating game of base ball, in on the part of the king. common with almost every other sport, has been almost entirely ignored. Many days (but just a year ago) have uncere now playing at ball in Jeff's kingdom to Threat of gether as many men who rank high in the the tune of Dixie. The boys of the 'National' are making preparations to pitch in again. The committees have reorganground, that of the old 'Potomac' (who, tained an international reputation on ac- by the way, in return for similar compliatomic weights. He is also a member of twice), to be fixed in proper trim prehas held for several years. Then, also, ready and willing as ever; so is Gorman has attained a national reputation for his none having forgotten how to handle the dio-activity, while Prof. Charles E. Mun- week and will be happy to see their

> of the call and maintenance of reservists been denied the exercise of his legal pre-Certain public improvements which were rogatives. To do away with this obstrucunder way half a century ago gave con- tion it was necessary for the emperor to siderable gratification to have recourse to the rescript. Improvements citizens of Washington, graphs that the Khuen-Hedervary cabsome of them being

"Great difficulty has always been exone of the curators of finding their way at night, the lettering history of chemistry. Dr. W. D. Bigelow decided to paint the names of streets, to eliminate the cause. The cabinet in resuming power had not changed its opinto do with the enforcement of the pure improvement has already been finished in insist upon its opinions, and if it acted food and drug laws than any other one the first, second and third wards, and thus it had the most serious and deman, and is the chief of the the advantage of the plan made apparent cisive reasons to desist, namely, the ab-

> outcry for an efficient fire department, and involved the city authorities the necessity ficient companies were thrown entirely out of service. Contracts for hose have

grounds before the extension as an inclosure for Judiciary Square. This has been set up in place and the square well graded. By excluding the cows, pigs, goats and poultry, sodding the ground and planting it with ornamental shade trees it would be a credit to the city."

### A SPRING ADVENTURE.

With spade and hoe I dug and toiled, With mother earth my hands I soiled, Until my muscles ached:
I wheeled in dirt to make a bed,
And after that, though nearly dead,
An hour or two I raked.
That done, I started in to sow
The seeds from which the posles grow.

The aster bed I'd planned with care,
And I had picked a corner where
The canna bulbs would thrive;
I had a place for every rose.
For cosmos two long stately rows
I'd managed to contrive;
For poppies and the mignonette
I chose the best spots I could get.

Then down I got upon the sod And sowed each tiny seed and pod, And marked each spot with care; Then out came Genevieve and said, As she viewed my nasturtium bed: "I wanted pansies there;.
It seems to me that you could get
A better place for mignonette."

Then in dismay she loudly cried
The while the cosmos rows she spled:
"My dear, have you gone crazy?
You've planted all the cosmos seed
Within the very space I need
And want for Shasta daisy."
Then with a wise and haughty air:
"I'm sure that asters won't do there."

Though I'm a calm and peaceful man,
I kicked my trusty watering can,
And flung my spade away,
And then I said: "I've labored long
And spent my strength to do this wrong;
I'm just that sort of jay!
I do this work for pure delight,
I don't expect to have it right."

# SOCIETY FIFTY YEARS AGO THE CABINET CRISIS IN HUNGARY

The cabinet crisis in Hungary, which laws which restrained the rights of th ulminated April 1 in the resignation of M. Hollo spoke next in the name of the the premier, Count Khuen-Justh group. He said: "Once more there would be no tranquillity in Hungary beisters, has been solved at fore the introduction of universal suf-Solution. frage." He repeated that his friends would least temporarily. Neverand considerable feeling was theless the circumstances are unusual, not consent to any definite reform in the caused in consequence. The and, inasmuch as the question promises Finally, Count Andrassy, interpreting the opinion of the moderate opposition recurrence, it is interesting as well as instructive to mark the incidents which declared in phrases that produced marked finally led Francis Joseph, the emperor- had been impossible and even crimmal

king, to threaten abdication. "Do not from a national point of view to act oth-

task of solving the unsolvable conflict.

following sense:

Monarch's

tutional obligations.

Abdication.

the royal rescript.

Hedervary.

countersigning the rescript necessarily

resolution which it was arranged with the

What will be the attitude of the Andras-

tremes he would abdi-

dicate, and it was easy

to see what effect that

would produce upon

hat patriot Hungarian Count Khuen-

The chief of the cabinet acted with

all the energy required by the extraor-

dinarily grave situation. The premier

notified all his colleagues to go to Vien-

na, and in accord with them he drew up

the chambers for years has been any-

thing but conciliatory upon the subject

A correspondent from Budapest tele-

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ion of right in the matter of the reserv-

man, who, since the re-establishment of

the constitution in 1867, had showered

spected by the entire world as one of the

perious duty. It was to render to this

but the renunciation by government

that he had acted

persist in asking things that are impos- erwise than Count Khuen-Hedervary and sible," said the emperor to Count Khuen- his colleagues had done, and he pridetty his colleagues had done, and he rendered cis-Joseph made his first minister under-The president of the council authorized the following dispatch to the press: stand that if he was further pushed he The royal rescript and his speech in the would leave to his successor the difficult hamber of deputies had made the situation clear. Happily, the clouds had passed In the presence of such a menace Count and the heavens had become serene He was happy to have helped his col-Khuen was startled and stood aghast at the perspective. The emperor, confident of would have profoundly afflicted all Hunleague to eliminate possibilities which the perfect loyalty and devotion of his garians, and it seemed proper after the premier, refused to accept the resignation speeches which had followed his declarations in the chamber to express the opinwhich was promptly offered, and insisted ion that the opposition had reflected seriupon his maintenance and that of his cab- ously upon the consequences of their attitude. He felt that the speech of M. de Kossuth, notably as correct as moderate,

for the Justh group, it seemed to the premier that the resignation and the renom! It is with profound regret that the king nation of the cabinet over which he had learned of the divergence of views as to the honor to preside had in fact drawn

mier and colleagues to address him their resignations. During all the period of Count Khuen-Hedervary expressed the his reign which followed the welcome refirm hope that the discussion of the military laws would now procare the maintenance of law and constitu- Military ceed progressively. Besides, tional order. The Hungarian nation posthe sooner military reform sessed all its constitutional rights, includ-All sorts of inventions were brought before the attention of the government dur- to touch that right or restrain it. On the very large and necessary democratic eign rights which were conferred by the eighteenth section of the law of 1888, by virtue of which the king could call for touchingly to his latest audience with the therefore, from the point and maintain under the colors the re- emperor-king, whose elasticity of body servists mentioned in that law when par- and freshness of spirit were marvelous. ticular circumstances rendered it necesmind questions in all their details and the most delicate shades of the political The emperor-king had the firm inten- and parliamentary situation of Hungary. tion to maintain the rights of the Hun- He discussed these questions with a vigarian nation, but it was vacious argumentation and delicacy which

necessary at the same would have done honor to the best lawtime for him to guard | yer. unimpaired his constitu- The situation here portrayed shows how tional rights as sovereign, and it was not persistent is the distrust of Hungary in possible for him to perf rm his royal du- regard to Austria. The origin of the crisis ties if he could not also fulfill his consti- may be recalled just here in order to make the situation entirely clear. The opposed this interpretation and Count Khuen resigned.

The royal rescript, it should be said. contains an affirmation of principle highy flattering to Hungarians: "The Hungarian nation possesses all its constitutional rights, including the right to vote the recruitment, and nothing is farther from me than the idea to inter fere with that right." On the other hand, Francis Joseph maintained his right to call and maintain under the colors the class of reservists

mentioned in the law of 1888, when particular circumstances rendered it neces-

It was the sovereign who thus triimphed, and the premier's loyalty and devotion obliged him to Kossuth's follow. M de Kossuth relines, and above all, in the two last proached Count Khuen Reproach. phrases of the rescript? What will the with covering himself be-Justh group do with its projects, which hind the sovereign in place of covering it is said, will combat the Khuen-Hedervary cabinet with great violence than the sovereign. Count Kheen, for a fact. is following both the national idea and The Peter Lloyd, commenting on the rethe monarchical idea. It is somewhat difscript, declared that it possessed infor-

mation to show that the king considered who may not convoke the reserves. The the divergence of views on the sovereign's international duties which fall upon a rights concerning the appeal of the maintenance of the reservists not only a conmonarchical state implies an authority flict between the Hungarian nation and which certain persons contest, and it is entirely comprehensible that Francis Joseph should have shown himself irreductible. The venerable monarch had threatened In countersigning the royal rescript the that if he were obliged to proceed to ex-

> parliamentary groups. It is possible, indeed, that Count Tisza and his party will rally promptly to the premier. One fails Kossuth will rally, and again M. Justh. There's a suspicion of separation attached to both these, and there is doubt that either will rally at all. Notwithstanding the renewed opposition which M. de Kossuth has promised on the

pable of bringing about a composition of

part of his group, it is understood that the government at Vienna maintains that it must be rassed, and, having the means The attitude of the Kossuth group in at their disposition, it will be done

\* \* Germany proposes to augment her army under the colors. The emperor has thus and navy by large additions. Austria-Hungary, her ally, will follow her example and will neglect no effort and no inet resumed its functions April 2 in the chamber, which accorded it an ovation- and this argument is the conclusive one that is, the governmental party. From which France and England have opposed successfully to the pacificists in these dent of the council, paraphrasing the royal rescript, added that the government in the presence of the sovereign's scruto prepare with all the nation's strength, ples relative to the military prerogatives A distinguished German cavalry officer, of the crown had judged it to be its duty now disclosed the German soul in the form of a book, entitled "Germany and the Next War." It is pertinent to quesists. It renounced only its attempt to tions of armament and explains indirectly why Austria is so insistent in the matter which provoked a cabinet crisis. Austria. is augmenting her military forces, and will not fail to follow her ally in that Nothing but the thought, declared Count Khuen-Hedervary, of the traditional Gen. Bernhardi caustically refers to the fidelity of the Hungarian nation to its United States, and declares that Amerkings and above all to the venerable old

ican agitation in favor of peace is a subterfuge that covers the ambition the constitution in 1867, had showered to become the predominant power benefits upon the nation and who is re- in the new world, and thus "proceed unhampered toward the goal of money-"Theorists and dreamers see in the

sovereign his tranquillity of soul and to efforts of President Taft," says Gen. work out in accord with him the welfare Bernhardi, "a great step forward on the of Hungary and of the Hungarian nation road to etern astically second him. The chiefs of the different groups of In America, Gen. Bernhardi should the opposition expressed themselves as know, there is no question of Alsace-follows: M. Francis de Kossuth de- Lorraine to disturb or threaten the peace clared that he would not expose the of the new world, as it threatens that of sovereign to disagreeable difficulties, the old. Bismarck wisely foresaw that situation and predicted it. President Taft the project agreed upon released then, representing the peaceful conscience the Kossuth group from all obliga- of his countrymen, may appreciate at its tion to the cabinet and gave it back just value the criticism of the German its entire liberty of action. In consequence M. de Kossuth would resume the peace of the world with its palladium

#### THE LIFEBOAT QUESTION. RESULTS OF THE PRIMARIES.

struggle and particularly against those at The Hague. CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

from the Memphis News-Scimitar. When the great Titanic was sinking the unfortunate passengers went down with her singing, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." It was wholly useless for them to sing that other favorite hymn, "Man the Life-boat." There were no lifeboats. From the Jersey City Journal.

It is a good sign when sailors rebel against going to sea in a ship not equipped with an adequate supply of lifeboats. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Lifeboats, while not "absolutely unsinkable," are reasonably trustworthy and cheap. This will be a record year

for their multiplication. From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. But even if the government succeeds in popularizing the lifeboat among the popularizing the lifeboat among the steamship companies, will they be able to steamship companies, will they be able to From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. suppress the fools who rock it?

From the Baltimore Star. Manufacturers of "fake" lifeboats will be accusing those striking firemen of massacre on the commo throttling industry. From the Pittsburgh Post.

From the Charleston News and Courier. Roosevelt paid only a little more than four dollars apiece for the votes he got in the New York primary. No wonder he felt sore that he did not get enough. From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.

New Hampshire stood like its native

From the Providence Journal.

Bourne to reflect that he probably got about as many votes in the popular pri-mary as any man who smokes fifty-cent From the Portland Argus. New Hampshire's governor, Bass, one of the "we are seven" Roosevelt gov-

It may be some satisfaction to Senator

Massachusetts holds presidential maries next Tuesday. Some people for another "tea party," and some for a

From the St. Louis Republic. As the primary ballot in Nebraska was The lifeboat of the future ought to be more than seven feet long, it is believed

notor propelled. The day of the oar has that the people are going to rule-some-

"No. I agree with you. I think we're the pitifully small wages paid the wire-

ECHOES OF THE DISASTER.

est monarchs, constituted for him an im- making.